I will have no culture to teach my kid if our cultural food dies in the sea. Our community does not need this pressure. Coal dust in the sea will affect our people in lots of ways, but it will affect our culture the most. Please don't bring the coal to Cherry Point

Sincerely,
Henry Jackson

January 17, 2013

Army Corp of Engineers,

My name is Shalaya Soloman. I live in Washington. I think the coal train Should Stop. It's going to affect me and the fisher man's life. My grandpa like to fish and grandpa does not want coal on our land. In my future my kids will not know what fish is. Our Inidan people can not hunt for fish. In the future how will I Show my kids to know What fish is if it is destroyed by Coal dust?

Sincerely, Shalaya Soloman

1-17-13

Dear Army Crop Egineers,

I live in washington and my name is Kaitlyn Tomma. I'm 9 years old. I enjoy being outside with my family and friends. It concerns me because my island will get polluted by poisonous coal dust.

If the train comes to my island the coal dust will swirl around people and the might get cancer.

My community does not ~~want~~ the train coming and infecting us. The coal dust will in fect us by poisoning us.

If the coal train comes, then the little Kids and Pets can't go swimming and they can't get fresh water. Kids and pets can't do anything in the water if the train comes on our land.

If the coal train goes by houses, the train will make loud noises and Kids and adults do not want to hear noise pollution.

The tankers can't stop for 6 miles before it reaches Cherry Point, So that means it will drag crab pots and lose them. So our Crabbers can't find them. crabbers won't make money for their family.

Would you like it if your Kids are infected by pollution?

Sincerely, Kaitlyn Rain Tomma

1/17/13

Dear Army corp.

My name is Val Jefferson. I am 10 years old. I am a Lummi Tribal member from Bellingham, Washington.

I do not want coal trains.

They are bad. The coal trains will pollute the water. The fish and people breathe. The air and water will smell and the land will get hurt as well. The coal trains will kill all the fish and crabs.

Sincerely

January 17, 2013

My name is Devin and my Indian name is Tarth-tarouse and I am a athletic person. I love to canoe pull, fish, crab, clam dig, play basketball and I don't want some dirty boat bringing cancer and pollute our fishing and crabbing waters and killing our food. This is our culture. This culture was passed down generation by generation and I don't want to lose that. That means alot to me and my late grandfather has taught me alot. I really loved my grandfather. He was my father figure all my life and my grandpa loved his culture. He wanted me to keep this very old culture going. I am part Lummi, Navajo and I do love both cultures and I dont want to lose this culture. I don't want to see my people's culture disappear. This is their way of life. I never want to lose our salmon, fish, ducks clams crabs, and our deers, plants, berries and so on. This pollution will effect all of that and our kids elders breathing.

Bunker feul is the worst feul to use because its lik 16 thousand car's coming over and making the pollution worse and will effect our salmon and our way of life.

Our culture is in your hands. Please don't make a mistake and ruin our culture. Our culture is everything to us and our waters have alot of cermonies that will continue in future generations. We want our future generations to have a great culture, strong and healthy. I don't want to lose this culture. Canoe pulling has been a great sport for me. I've been pulling canoe for 2 years now. It's my third year and canoe pulling has been in my family for generations for a long time. I dont want to lose that.

Sincerly,

: Devin Lawrence

Dear Army Corps of Engineers,

My name is Simon James, Jr. I go to the Lummi Nation School. I'm a Lummi Tribal member. I've lived on Lummi my whole life. I'm afraid if we have this coal terminal at Cherry Point it will affect our fish. If you guys do build this terminal here at Cherry Point, keep in mind that you guys are building it over our ancestors burial ground.

If this coal terminal is built here it will pollute our water with coal dust. If this happens about 500 tons of coal dust will be dumped in our water per year. This will affect our fishing rights guaranteed by our treaty. I'm concerned that the coal terminal at Cherry Point will affect a lot of our marine life on the Lummi Nation. The big ships will bring back ballast water with China's water species which could kill our sea animals.

I don't want anything to happen to our land or our fish, crab, oysters, clams, any of our seafood. This is the food our ancestors ate, and is the food we still eat today. I've been told if we keep going on like this, a bunch of our land will be under water, and and you guys are going to be the ones making this happen. The coal dust from the train will come off the cars and land on the ground. With eighteen cars per day going back and forth, imagine how much coal dust will land on the ground per year. Doesn't coal dust in the water increase the temperature and contribute to global warming?

I understand why you people think this is a good idea, for more jobs, but look at it the other way. You're going through a burial ground, polluting our waters, killing our fish. All of this will happen to us if this terminal is put on our land.

These are the reasons why I don't want this coal terminal on our land. Many bad things will happen if this goes through. The pollution, our fish, crabs, oysters... will be in danger from the ballast water. So please think about this and study the impact very carefully. Don't build the coal terminal at Cherry Point.

Sincerely,
Simon James, Jr.

Dear Army Core of Engineers:

My name is Free Eagle Bosco, I am 14 years old and am in 8th grade at the Lummi Nation K-12 highschool, I live on the Lummi Nation Reservation / Bellingham WA 98226 and I am against the coal train.
I dont want the coal train for many reasons, One of the reasons is coal dust.
Its not just the dust but also the toxins inside.
I heard from a person on the No Coal Campaign to tell everyone that coal dust has a chemical that if you breathe to much of it you could get a fatal cancer.

I love to go pick berries, go hunting, play sports and go fishing, and almost all of it I do with my family.
I would hate it if all of the fish died from pollution, or the smoke killed berries.
I also wouldn't want any of the fish to die from eating coal falling into the water.
I enjoy fishing and playing sports and I myself, and I pretty sure nobody else, wants poisinous fish, and I want to be able to run down fields and not have to start coughing from smoke in the air.

Coal will mostly affect these things:
- Wildlife
- your body
- aquatic flora and fauna